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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 32 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
☒ 07 Pages of Claims
☒ 06 Sheet(s) of Drawings
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation
☒ IDS and IDS List PTO 1449 - References (4)

CLAIMS AS FILED

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